

Are there any key issues/opportunities that you would like to suggest that are not represented above?	Topic of Comment	Response
Elementary or middle school in the City Center. Chief Sealth in Seattle is going from just a High School to all three. This could be a model and would be a huge way to create greater and needed social cohesiveness in South Renton or the city center area and make it a place for younger families to locate	Schools	Comment partially addressed (goal 4.8) – beyond scope
Need better connections (bike, transit, trails) from Renton City Center to outside neighborhoods, such as the Highlands or Fairwood.	Connectivity	Comment addressed (goal 5)
Why is the city looking at options such as these when programs and opportunities unique to Renton are dropped? The Summer Teen Musical comes to mind - thank goodness Renton Civic Theater essentially picked the program up.	Support arts	Comment partially addressed (goal 1.3)
Expand on trails -- a simple solution (regulatory issues aside) would be to connect the Cedar River trail to Coulon trails via the waterfront boardwalk.	Trails	Comment addressed (goal 7.2)
The Landing needs a Trader Joe's or PCC or some other similar tenant. This part of City Center has no food markets and there is a high population potential with the apartments and condos in the area.	Grocery store	Comment addressed (goal 2.1 and 4.5)
The connection between the Cedar River trail and the Lake Washington end and Coulon Park needs to be a priority.	Trails	Comment addressed (goal 7.2)
Converting the one way streets to two way would only make the traffic flow worse	One way streets	Comment addressed (goal 6.5)
With the exception of restaurants the Down Town area cannot compete with The Landing and Westfield Shopping Town for retail.	Retail mix	Comment addressed (goal 2.1 and 2.2)
Perhaps more senior living options like Merrill Gardens would be appropriate as it would be near the Transit Center	Senior housing	Comment partially addressed (goal 4.3) – change recommended
Fast food options around the Transit Center may work for those on the go that use the Transit Center and High School	Retail mix	Comment addressed (goal 2.1 and 2.2)
Renton's parks and trails are a asset for living in Renton	Parks	Comment addressed (goal 7 and 8)
City services (Road Maintenance, Police, Fire, City government) are the best. They are responsive to the citizens of Renton even in these tough economic times.	City services	Comment noted
A good question to ask is The City Center needs code enforcement Or something on those lines, we have a few slum lords that make the place look bad.	Property maintenance	Comment addressed (goal 4.1)
I feel very strongly about economic development being the life blood for any cities survival in the future.	Economic development	Comment addressed (goal 2)
Development is not an option it is a must. I thank the city for finally going in the right direction.	General	Comment noted

City center should be redeveloped as high-tech business incubator where startups create everything from bike helmets with built in airbags to an online audio search service. City Center should be a place that allows partnership between companies and universities, a partnership that develops the new generation of workers. All that mixed with amenities, housing, etc (see Spain's 22 @ Barcelona) or Winston-Salem NC. Innovation needs cheap space in a stimulating environment. City center needs a bold statement to be sold outside world. We need metabolic/fusion tower that homes media, communications, information tech companies, office clusters for health and wellness services, data storage, and high performance computing too. All these mixed with trendy restaurants, athletic facilities, and apartment equipped with networked appliances that residents can try out. CITY CENTER should BE THE WINDOW on what an NW CITY OF THE FUTURE WILL LOOK LIKE....	Business mix	Comment addressed (goal 1)
Need to attract more businesses, services (government and private sector), and general attractions downtown that will bring people to the area.	Economic development	Comment addressed (goal 1 and 2)
Having a trolley to run to the landing and back to downtown would be nice. But it falls short of serving the entire area. Run the trolley through the South Renton neighborhoods, cross Grady, while connecting to the transit park and ride and giving access to the shopping complex on the South side of Grady. This would incorporate everywhere. Let's do more than just go half way. Seattle only went half way with their trolley and missed out on their sports complex. Let's not make the same mistake and cover our entire downtown core.	Trolley	Comment partially addressed (goal 6.2) – change recommended to goal 6.2
Make the area more friendly to everyone, not just the most vocal.	Diversity	Comment not addressed – change recommended to goal 4.8
Small businesses need more incentives to keep their businesses open. Several have closed recently and that is discouraging.	Small businesses	Comment addressed (goal 1 and 2)
I still feel strongly that we should use current train track to install light rail or the like if we can convince Boeing or whoever own the train track to share with us and come up with some agreement.	Light rail	Comment addressed (goal 7.3)
Leaving a lot of the one ways is a safe way of controlling traffic.	One way streets	Comment addressed (goal 6.5)
The 240 goes to the Landing from the transit center and is very easy to use.	Bus service	Comment noted
I strongly agree that connecting the various trails through downtown can be a major force in bringing more visitors and revitalizing the downtown business area.	Trails	Comment addressed (goal 7)
Renton needs to address the issue of car dealerships and shopping centers that mal-prune trees along streets. You need a city landscaper, and some rules regarding tree preservation and water conservation. You need to address sustainability in landscape	Trees, landscaping	Comment partially addressed (goal 4.4 and 4.6)

design.		
Renton needs to address the problem of huge parking lots and vacant properties.	Vacancies	Comment not addressed – change recommended to goal 2.8
The Landing is an improvement but it isn't pedestrian-friendly. Future growth should be smart growth, with residences above retail, and better public transportation connections.	Smart growth	Comment addressed (goal 2.7)
If the city ever has to replace its bridges or build new ones over the Cedar River, it should give a lot of thought to the design. The river is a central element of the city. The current bridges are ugly and unfriendly to pedestrians. Slightly arched bridges would emphasize the river to the traffic going over them, create more open space below the bridges, and provide a unique architectural element for the city that also ties into the natural environment.	Bridges over Cedar River	Comment noted – not anticipated within planning period
While the neighborhoods may not be exactly strong and cohesive they provide the best opportunity for improving the city center. Compared with some other improvements (like a trolley), the improvements in the neighborhoods would have the least financial impact but would have the greatest impact to improving the city center. Things like street tree planting are relatively inexpensive but would be a huge transformation to the neighborhoods. Through code compliance, improvements to properties would have a huge impact to home values and reduce crime	Neighborhoods	Comment partially addressed (goal 4.4, 4.5, 4.6) – changes recommended to goal 4.6
We need a large grocery store in n. Renton and more public transportation offered for non drivers and elderly residents to commute around Renton. more neighborhood activity centers more restaurants in n. Renton transportation directly to large retail stores such as Wal-Mart Fred Meyers target and we need a k-mart bus times don't connect regular any more since they put in the transit center	Retail mix and transit	Comment addressed (goal 2.1, 2.5,
Land owners should form Building Covenants' for beautification and upkeep not for code enforcement. i.e. find money for Murals on burnt down building walls that are an eyesore.	Property maintenance	Comment partially addressed (goal 4.1)
Remove all temporary fencing and install permanent, part of beautify.	Fences	Beyond scope of program
Focus on developing the 'Main Street Square' as envisioned by the UW students.	Main St	Comment noted
Was aware of new signs for Downtown, on freeways directing people to the Restaurants, Antiques and Historical Downtown District. Where are they? Need gateway entrance signs, possibly indicating service clubs meeting times and which clubs are available. The food bank should be included in signage.	Signage	Comment addressed (goal 1.1 and 1.2)
City should take some responsibility of the development of the real estate space availability and possibly keep track of vacancies and tried to get them field. Possibly	Economic development	Comment partially addressed (goal 2.8) – change recommended to goal 2.8

developing a 'Remodeling and Needs' program to help get new business into our vacant buildings. Why aren't they moving here?		
What is the possibility of the city leasing the empty spaces, just until it is sold, and utilizing them as parking or parks or place to gather, etc.	Vacancies	Comment noted
We have a large antique district but where do we tell people about it.	Economic development	Comment partially addressed (goal 2.3) – beyond scope
It's easy to access plenty of places in Renton on foot or via public transit, but there have been cuts recently to metro bus routes. Attracting more small businesses to downtown would be far better than big businesses-- people don't care about a big store like Wal-Mart or Target or Red Robin the way they care about a small, family owned operation that is invested in the community and not in meeting its multinational bottom line.	Small businesses	Comment addressed (goal 2 and 2.3)
For one thing, I did not attend meetings because I did not know about them. I do not think this has been well publicized. I had to work very hard to find this survey. If I had not gotten the trolley postcard, I could not have found the survey.	Public outreach	Beyond scope of project
I do not think there is anything wrong with downtown. We live near downtown [Renton Hill} and walk downtown all the time.	General	Comment noted
Maintaining and funding the amenities we have is the first thing I would do. The Riverwalk will need major maintenance soon and I am sure that other parks and facilities are in need of upkeep.	Maintenance	Comment noted
There are already too many vacant apartments and condominiums in downtown Renton. Please stop destroying established neighborhoods by allowing so much unnecessary construction of ugly and very intrusive apartment and large condos buildings. Leave the well kept single family neighborhoods in Downtown Renton ALONE they represent our Heritage and do not need to be replaced with large ugly buildings that do nothing to beautify our city.	Single family housing	Comment addressed (goal 4.2, 4.3, and 2.8)
Improving the economic base needs to happen in Renton, and that is difficult with the number of buildings that are obviously vacant. Sprucing up the city so that it's not as obvious that times are tough would bring more money to the city.	Vacancies	Comment partially addressed (goal 2.3) – recommend change to goal 2.3
Advertising the addition of the Waterway Cruises is needed.	Marketing	Comment partially addressed (goal 2.3) – beyond scope of project
More signs directing people to our amenities would be very helpful.	Signage	Comment addressed (goal 1.2)
We need more parking so that people can enjoy our Coulon Park amenities, for park patrons as well as boat launch patrons.	Parking at Coulon	Comment addressed (goal 6)
The Neighborhoods seem to be getting less attention than the Downtown Corridor.	Safety	Comment addressed (goal 6.10, 1.5, and

Need to reduce speeding on all streets bordering Residential Neighborhood, also the crime/gangs that seem to lingering at Transit Center, Piazza, all Parks/Walking trails are not being addressed.		1.7)
Parking and perceived safety are important for bringing visitors to DTR businesses and public facilities.	Parking and Safety	Comment addressed (goal 1.5 and 1.7)
Renton is a highly diverse ethnic and cultural community, and will only be more so in the future. This is a key feature that should be more strongly considered in the plan. The economic diversity is also great and growing. We need to have community features that recognize this diversity more strongly, including health and human services that are centrally located and accessible. A one stop shop for health and human services, such as exists in Redmond can be attractive, and address the spectrum of needs.	Diversity, human services	Comment not addressed – change recommended to goal 4.8
How business owners charge rent for and maintain their buildings.	Property maintenance	Comment partially addressed (goal 1.6) – beyond scope of project
By making a enterprise zone and give developers offsets, etc it would encourage replacement of many old and non-functional improvements	Building improvements	Comment addressed (goal 2.3 and 2.2)
Renton also needs to invest in helping property owners and retailers make improvements to storefront sidewalks. Simple inexpensive changes such as signage improvements/ regulations (blade signage), hanging flower baskets and/or flower boxes, benches, seasonal sidewalk cafe seating, added greenery, etc. would make a HUGE difference and encourage people to stop, shop and wander the City Center businesses.	Property maintenance	Comment addressed (goal 1.6 and 2.3)
I feel we need to clean Renton up with the car theft burglaries and gangs drug we need more officers that stop harassment on teenagers and get them involved to make a better community	Safety	Comment addressed (goal 1.5 and 1.7)
I believe if Renton made several changes to its roads and one-ways, people would be more likely to live/shop/etc in Renton.	Transportation	Comment addressed (goal 6.5)
Renton has some very pretty parks and locations, but some of the most public parts are very depressing: vacant Ford dealership at rainier and Grady, vacant gas station at main and s 2nd...	Vacancies	Comment not addressed – change recommended to goal 2.8
Shortage of parking at Gene Coulon during summer peak; lack of pedestrian friendly connections amount retail 'islands' (Fry's to Target to the Landing; businesses along Rainier such as McClendon's, Fred Meyer, Wal-Mart); lack or removal of bus shelters at less populated stops; short walk light cycles at major intersections (Grady & Rainier)	Pedestrian environment	Comment partially addressed (goal 6 and 5.6)
I would like to see improvements made to I-405 noise abatement in residential areas.	Interstate 405	Beyond scope of project

With the I-405 construction starting in July 2009, the Renton Hill neighborhood lost a sizable stand of trees, which served as a traffic noise buffer. As a resident of Renton Hill, my quality of life was impacted by the increase in I-405 noise. Given the proximity of I-405 to the entire community, I hope we can find the right balance of traffic efficiency and preserving a livable city.		
Like Mount Vernon, WA, create a multi-modal station for transportation where the Spirit of Washington Station is currently. The new station will house the Dinner Train operations as well as a bike station similar to the Bellevue Transit Center; the future Sound Transit Commuter Rail possible connecting to Tukwila, Bellevue and Everett; and other transportation operations. This feature will provide focal point to the Downtown area.	Public transportation	Comment partially addressed (goal 5 and 6)
My recommendations for South Renton and the Grady Way Corridor including Renton Village, City Hall and the South Renton P & R is to shy away from big box retail and concrete parking lots to more greenery and urban density. There is potential to expand Renton Village by constructing residential and small office complex on the current abandon parking lots and buildings. The former Renton AMC, Sound Ford and Lincoln-Mercury dealerships are indicators to the urban decay happening in the area. This area should be transformed similar to the Northgate\Thornton Creek development. As Renton's population is near the 100,000 mark, we also need to maximize the space at the South Renton P & R by adding a multilevel garage for more stalls and future BRT.	Mixed use and infill	Comment partially addressed (goal 2.8 and 4.6)
Make Renton a more competitive place to do business in the region. Provide increased security in the Highlands neighborhood. Don't waste valuable money on public transportation boondoggles that few would benefit from or utilize. Renton is a small town that is easily traversed using conventional methods and doesn't need more public transportation infrastructure.	Business & public transportation	Comment partially addressed (goal 2)
515 needs to connect to Logan.	State Route 515	Comment partially addressed (goal 5 and 6)
The railroad really divides the Downtown.	Rail right of way	Comment addressed (goal 6)
Buildings need to be more visible so that traffic traveling down Rainier, Along 405 can see the buildings. There are not enough tall buildings to show where the Downtown is located, but with a Major North South road, then the DT will be traveled through.	Building height	Comment noted
Land is affordable and the City should be buying more land at this time in the DT to revitalize it.	Land acquisition	Park acquisition beyond scope of project
Extend Park Avenue	Park Ave	Comment addressed (goal 6.3)

Create a Bus Station/stop to service the park and Boeing	Public transportation	Comment addressed (goal 5.6)
Pedestrian overpass from the Landing to the park, etc.	Pedestrian environment	Comment partially addressed (goal 6.1)
The extension of Park Drive to Southport and Coulon Park is a critical link to connect the city center and would address most of the issues represented in this survey.	Park Ave	Comment addressed (goal 6.3)
Some of the City Center properties are from a time past or are now out of place. These areas need to be considered. Such as the power supply equipment located next to the Bristol and Boeing.	Puget Power Property	Comment not addressed – change to goal 6.3 recommended
Regarding the cohesiveness of the surrounding neighborhoods: I want to explain my answer. The reason they are not cohesive is because there is no safe way to access them on foot from either the Landing or Coulon Park. I safe walking path needs to be there in order to promote and support cohesiveness among residences.	Pedestrian environment	Comment partially addressed (goal 6.1 and 6.10) – change recommended
The city center needs to appeal to a wider range of people and find more ways to engage all citizens.	Vibrancy	Comment not addressed - Change recommended to goal 4.8
Renton has a lot of potential but there is a disconnect from the new development to downtown Renton.	Connectivity	Comment addressed (goal 6)
To continue to attract and retain residence in the core City Center, the city of Renton challenge will reside with planning that capture the younger generation while develop new improve ways to egress to and from the city of Renton Center.....its main attraction!	Downtown as neighborhood	Comment partially addressed – change recommended to plan to include Downtown as a neighborhood
The Park Ave Extension needs to be completed to connect the City to Gene Coulon Park, Southport, and Boeing. Those persons living, working and visiting Boeing, Southport and Gene Coulon Park need to be provided for, by vehicular and pedestrian and transit links via Park Avenue, and or improvements along Garden.	Park Ave	Comment addressed (goal 6)
A bus station next to Boeing and Southport and Gene Coulon Park. Ideally situated in the Puget Sound Energy laydown yard or the Houser Way remnant along Lake Washington Blvd, When Houser is shut down north of the Freeway off ramp as part of its planned improvement..	Public transportation	Comment addressed (goal 5.6)
The Boeing workers, visitors and residents of Renton, and the Southport workers and residents could access and be accessible from the park and the City Center if the public and private vehicular transit infrastructure supported this North Renton area.	Transit	Comment addressed (goal 5.6)
A pedestrian overpass crossing Logan - with the Park Ave extension would be fantastic.	Pedestrian environment	Comment partially addressed (goal 6.3)
Could we clean up the Puget Power laydown yard which is the first impression of the City from the North.	Puget Power Property	Comment not addressed – change to goal 6.3 recommended
If one stimulated this waterfront area at Lake Washington via a cleanup and access, its positive influence would help attract investment and tax dollars to Renton's City	Lake Wa.	Comment addressed (goal 5 and 6)

Center, as well as grow the employment opportunities associated with this growth		
Gene Coulon Park is always one of the first featured attributes in Renton in all the visitor pamphlets as well as the materials describing the economic opportunities in Renton, yet it hides behind the old and stored substation parts within the Puget Power laydown yard which is unsightly, and has no transit, bus, or convenient vehicular or pedestrian access. Could the City rethink the vehicular circulation within the Park so it functions better during the peak days in the Summer and Winter? The Stop signs leading in and out of the Park should be re-located so people do not run through the stop signs, and backed up park traffic does not prohibit the access to Southport.	Coulon park	Comment partially addressed (goal 6 and 7.2, 8.2) – changes recommended to goal 6.3
Love the idea of creating a commercial area focused on the Cedar River. Great! Great! Great! This is very attractive asset that's hidden by inaccessibility.	Cedar River commercial	Comment addressed (goal 2.6)
Park Ave N between N 4th Street and Downtown should be 2 lanes with street parking. (cut thru traffic will be reduced as new off/on ramp to Benson hill is opened up. We have a small office (337 Park Ave N) that would be better served if this were the case. This would slow down traffic, increase pedestrian activity and allow more business activity thru better access.	Park ave	Comment addressed (goal 6.1)
Also really like the idea of Williams and Wells Ave being 2 way streets.	One way streets	Comment addressed (goal 6.5)
I think that there needs to more emphasis on protecting existing single family housing in the downtown center. The idea of tearing houses down on Riverside is bad, we already have trails on both sides of the river, and what we describe building is already available closer toward the lake. Please give up on the idea of zoning or building more mixed use commercial. We are currently choking on a glut of this and we do not need it right in our neighborhood. We need to concentrate of filling the Landing and Downtown. We already have too much capacity of mixed use small retail..	Single family housing	Comment partially addressed (goal 4.2, goal 2.7) – beyond scope of project
A general clean up of the downtown area (south of the train tracks) . I'm a current landlord/homeowner in the downtown area (south of the train tracks) and it is very difficult to find tenants because the downtown area of Renton has received such a bad reputation. Many homeowners are not held accountable for the trash in their yards. Landscaping is a big problem as well. I was informed that they can be fined because of this. Much of it attracts pests. It looks bad for the people who actually take care of their homes and yards.	Property maintenance	Comment addressed (goal 4.1)
Bus station at or near Gene Coulon Park Direct access to Gen Coulon Park at Park Ave connection, A pedestrian overpass from Gene Coulon Park to the Landing Better Bus connections to Seattle, Bellevue and the Airport. Eventual plans for public	Transportation	Comment partially addressed (goal 5, 6, 7.2) – beyond scope of project

transit routes.		
The ability to easily get from Coulon Park to a Bus or Parking space.	Coulon park	Comment addressed (goal 6 and 7.2)
Low wages. Trading 20-30 dollar an hour jobs for Min.to [sic] 10 dollar an hour jobs was not in the best interest of this town.	Economic Development	Comment addressed (goal 2)
Public safety. I to have been hit by bicyclist on our trails. The problem is not the speed limit but the lack of enforcement.	Safety	Comment partially addressed (goal 1.8, 4.6, and 7)
I would love to see a trail that goes from Coulon to the Cedar River to the Plaza where the Farmer's market is located. Many cities have a trail that runs thru the city, I would be very excited to see Renton finally have one.	Trails	Comment addressed (goal 6.11 and 7)
In my opinion, the City of Renton should be more selective in the types of businesses it attracts and residential construction allowed in the city. Renton should attract more interesting and upscale stores (Gap, Trader Joe's, Half Price Books, etc.) and better quality, more visually pleasing housing.	Economic diversity	Comment partially addressed (goal 2.8) – beyond scope of project
The City Center needs to define itself more as a destination and less emphasis on it being a pass-thru, especially in downtown along the 2nd/3rd (SR 900) couplet.	City center as destination	Comment addressed (goal 1, 5, and 6)
The city center and north Renton single family homes need to be protected, provided resources to maintain and supported as important neighborhoods that provide character and culture to the city.	Single family housing	Comment addressed (goal 4)
Make the area attractive to medium sized business, not retail. Typical history of downtown areas suggest that they are not feasible places for retail business.	Business mix	Comment partially addressed (goal 2) – beyond scope of project
Linking the rapid transit to Seattle and Bellevue using existing rail lines is extremely important.	Light rail	Comment addressed (goal 5.4 and 7.3)

Are there any goals that should be worked towards in the City Center over the next twenty years that you would like to suggest that are not identified above?	Topic of Comment	Response
The city center as a sustainable mixed use center for other smaller mixed use areas in the city or for other smaller downtown areas in the region. This would probably necessitate measurable criteria; i.e. less stormwater discharge, greater canopy cover, higher alternative transportation mode share by residents/workers, etc.	Sustainable mixed use	Comment partially addressed (goal 4.6, 4.5, 6, 7, and 8)
Equal access for the disabled	Equality	Comment not addressed – change recommended to goal 4.8
Getting all the utilities underground. The electrical poles are hideous with a hundred years of built-up wire.	Utilities	Comment not addressed – change recommended to add new sub-goal
I just think that if the area between were better connected to Downtown, it would provide a lot more cohesiveness.	Connectivity	Goal addressed (goal 6)
Clean up the crime activity in the North Renton neighborhoods that the city seemed to abandon a few years ago.	Safety	Goal addressed (goal 1.5 and 1.7)
You need sell City Center as a piece of a BOLDER/ conceptual idea... so how to market is very important ..	Vision	Comment addressed (goal 1)
This all sounds good but putting at twenty year focus is too long. This should be a 10 year focus to bring the development.	Shorter time frame	Comment noted
Set up a program for wanna [sic] be gang members and gang members so they can contribute to the betterment of this community so they can have sense of belonging. Evolve from the bad to the good in them somehow.	Public safety	Comment partially addressed (goal 1.5, 1.7, 4.8) – beyond scope of project
Get rid of Wal-Mart! Eliminate the fast food joints!	Business mix	Beyond scope of project
Plant more trees, establish more parks, make Renton more pedestrian and bike-friendly.	Trees, pedestrian environment	Goal partially addressed (goal 4.4, 4.5, 6 and 6.11) – change recommended to goal 4.6
Rip down all the houses along the Cedar River. Turn into a boardwalk and business center.	Cedar River commercial	Goal addressed (goal 2.6)
Get all the proposed buildings that have been postponed going through city tax incentives or something that would bring the people back to those building projects. That would be 2nd and Main, burnt out building on Wells, the old Ford Dealership property, rip down Delancy's 3rd St. Building and Garland a brand new space.	Economic Development	Goal partially addressed (goal 2) – change recommended to goal 2.8
Advertise, publicize and emphasize the great re-modeling job of the old City Hall at 229	Economic Development	Goal addressed (goal 2.3, 2.2)

Wells. Identify which buildings should be removed and which ones should be restored. i.e. 3rd and Williams, the Cugini building, fabulous job and never mentioned. Also the old Santi building on Wells. They have all been restored and beautified in an excellent manner. Somehow emphasize that with advertising with before and after shots. Help other people visualize.		
City should partner with business owners and pave alleys.	Alleys	Comment not addressed – change recommended to add new goal
DON'T WAIT FIND FUNDING START PROJECTS NOW THE CITY CENTER PLAN-FRAMEWORK DRAFT IS GREAT, DO IT.	Start now	Comment noted
Resurfacing of streets and address the drainage problems on many of the roads.	Streets	Comment not addressed – change recommended to add new goal
There already is a distinct identity, has the city talked to any locals who live in the city center and downtown areas?	Identity	Comment noted
Providing better connections between downtown and other areas should include more bike lanes.	Bicycle environment	Goal partially addressed (goal 6.11) – change recommended
I think the access to civic amenities like the museum and the library is pretty good already.	Access	Goal addressed (goal 3)
The problem is that cars are relied on too much so people don't see things because they're not physically outside. Making Renton even more walkable would be a great place to put more energy and money.	Pedestrian environment	Goal partially addressed (goal 4.6, goal 6,.1, 6.10, 6.11, and 7) – change recommended
I am not sure what the big deal is with access and visibility. Maybe I have lived here too long [28 years], but I really don't see what the issue is.	Access	Comment noted
More parking at Coulon!	Coulon Park	Comment partially addressed (goal 5.6)
ensure safety on trails/walking paths that allow bicycles (who disregard pedestrian Right-of-Way)	Trail safety	Goal partially addressed (goal
None, but I'd like to see this be a shorter goal rather than a 20-yr goal as it has been so much needed in Renton, like the Landing, to wait that long before something is being done.	Shorter time frame	Comment noted
Make more bike friendly	Bicycle environment	Goal partially addressed (goal 4.6, goal 6,.1, 6.10, 6.11, and 7) – change recommended
Get Sound Transit in DT Renton or near The Landing, to improve regional transit to and from Renton.	Public transit	Comment partially addressed (goal 5.6)
Renton has the perception of having more crime than it does. The city should research	Perceptions	Goal addressed (goal 1.5)

implementing a community substation at certain locations (like Bellevue Police has done) and other methods of making it so people are fearful to walk the street after dark.		
Residential neighborhoods in the City Center should be better separated. North Renton should be residential, but along Logan and Park it should be similar to the CD zoned areas. South Renton should be like the CD as it is zoned, and not down zoned. The CD area needs taller buildings. 10 stories would be a great way to show where it is, and a better gateway then signage could accomplish.	Taller buildings	Comment noted
BRING MORE MUSIC VENUES TO THE DOWNTOWN AREA FOR OLDER RESIDENTS, IE; DINNER/DANCE PLACES, COMEDY, MUSIC FOR AFTER HOURS DESTINATIONS DOWNTOWN. LETS' CREATE A THEME FOR THE DOWNTOWN AREA-LIKE LEAVENWORTH DID! MUSIC CLUBS FOR INSTANCE.... FOCUS ON THE 50+FOLKS AND WATCH US STAY DOWNTOWN!	Business mix, theme	Comment partially addressed (goal 1)
These identified goals are a great starting point...they should fuel others along the way!	General	Comment noted
A transit center next to Gene Coulon Park.	Transit	Goal addressed (goal 5.6)
Access Downtown - There is a need for a direct link from 405 to S 2nd street downtown.	Transportation	Goal addressed (goal 5.6 and 5.1)
In general, just make it so people want to live near there. Enforce homeowner laws! Pay closer attention and act upon numerous calls to law enforcement about neighbors breaking laws.	Code enforcement	Goal addressed (goal 4.1)
All the great cities of the world have subways. Let's think ahead of the curve. Not romanticize about some bygone technology. Subways never get stuck in traffic, hit pedestrians or bicycles, get hit by motorist, or get snowed in. Twenty years from now we could look back with pride and say we started the subway system in the Puget sound area.	Public transportation	Comment noted
Better connection to 169, better crossing of 405, better access from the East Hill to Renton.	Transportation	Goal addressed (goal 5)
Protecting single family homes in city center and north Renton. Provide resources to protect and restore home to support the culture and charm of the city.	Single family housing	Goal addressed (goal 4)
Improve sidewalks and pedestrian paths that will support students at down town schools (Renton High, St Anthony's, Child care programs) to be able to walk safety to their home neighborhoods. Particularly those students that live on the west hill and skyway area.	Pedestrian environment	Goal partially addressed (goal 4.6, goal 6,.1, 6.10, 6.11, and 7) – change recommended
Support connecting to rapid transit using existing rail lines to Bellevue and Seattle.	Light rail	Goal addressed (goal 5.4 and 7.3)

Plan for a water taxi service to be able to dock at Lake Washington that can provide transportation to Seattle, University of Washington, Bellevue etc.	Water taxi	Goal addressed (goal 5.5)
Bring business in and forget retail. Give them tax incentives to get started.	Business mix	Goal partially addressed (goal 2) – beyond scope of project

Comments on Sub-Goals Associated with Goal #1

1.1 Provide more attractive entries into the City Center with signage and gateway features and improve the visibility of the City Center.

Comments	Response
Renton really has no welcoming sign. You just arrive into town... you see empty car dealerships on one end of town, the landing on exit 5, porn and ghetto looking stores on exit 4 and awful traffic on exit 2... so... getting into town is not pretty...	Goal reflects comment
I fail to see what gateway signs will do for the city. We have spent money to make signs for the entrances to neighborhoods and I am unsure of the return on investment. For example, anything that we put at the intersection of Grady/Rainier will likely be in the way. I also do not want to spend the money to build and maintain these assets.	Comment noted
Landscaping can do than phony gateways	Comment noted

1.2 Build on the City's existing Wayfinding system for Downtown and extend it throughout the City Center.

Comments	Response
Wayfinding is not an issue within the city.	Comment noted
Is the Wayfinding system for personal vehicles or for people on foot, bike, etc?	Comment noted
The existing Wayfinding system is poor and was not very well thought out from a design standpoint (i.e. very ugly signage).	Comment noted
If the Wayfinding system could be completed as designed and visual clutter could be addressed (by strictly enforcing sign code, for example, and other codes), the perception of Renton as seedy and backwards could start to be reversed. Arts and cultural activities and preservation of historic buildings and sites could then contribute to an ethic of pride and caring about DTR.	Comment noted and reflected in goal 1.4 and 3.1

1.3 Build off the forthcoming recommendations from the Arts and Culture Master Plan to expand the presence of art, art activities, and art facilities in the City Center, as well as, to help create a distinct identity for the City Center.

Comments	Response
Art has its place but in today's economic down turn it must be a low priority and other services funded with the down turn in revenue	Comment noted
These seem like an unnecessary waste of funds - focus more on the essentials?	Comment noted

1.4 Preserve and maintain important historic features in the City Center to enhance the identity of the City Center.

Comments	Response
Preserving and maintaining the historic features of downtown has been done well in some cases. The Thorne Building and Old City Hall on Wells have both been restored beautifully. The antithesis of those examples is what happened across the street with the Harries Building. That building was neglected for years and eventually caused one of Renton's most destructive fires in recent memory. This sad story ended with the historic building being torn down. The empty lot is now an eyesore on an otherwise nice block. The City of Renton has no Historic Preservation laws. Why not? How can the City preserve and maintain important historic features in the City Center to enhance the identity of the City Center without having Historic Preservation ordinances or laws?	Comment noted – change recommended to this goal

1.5 Address crime (both real and perceived) issues in Downtown.

Comments	Response
I moved to Renton about 3-months ago. Everyone always has a why'd you do that expression when I tell them. I feel like Renton has a bad rap as an unsafe area with nothing to do. Before moving here, I felt that way too. The more time I spend here, the more I find out how great a City this is. Get rid of the crime, the run-down feeling downtown, improve access, and we've got Kirkland again.	Goal reflects comment
The downtown Renton transit center is still a dangerous place to be, especially at night when you are a single woman.	Goal reflects comment
Renton has an abundance of visible crime problems, from gang graffiti to hoodlums roaming the streets. It isn't the safe city it could be. Some bicycle patrols might help.	Goal reflects comment
Security in Renton is priority number one. People still have the perception that the transit center is a dangerous place	Goal reflects comment
Clean up the downtown businesses and provide better police protection. I have never seen a police officer actually walking the streets in the 3rd Ave and adjoining streets that house businesses. Sometimes it is very scary to walk the streets downtown as there are gangs in and around the area. Particularly in the Transit Center area.	Goal reflects comment

1.6 Institute building improvement incentives in Downtown to address maintenance issues.

Comments	Response
Property owners need help financing these issues or the City needs to step up to help out property owners. The city needs to condemn unsafe buildings before they fall down or burn down. Having a	Goal partially reflects comment, goal 2.2, 2.3, and 2.8 also partially reflect comment

building that looks like it's about to fall, with several supporting columns within is not a way to show that the DT is progressing. Property owners need to take care of their buildings, or the City needs to address issues	
Nothing in the study addresses the need to encourage owners of buildings in downtown that are in disrepair to sell. The most revitalizing thing that could happen to downtown is that some of the oldest buildings would be sold to owner who would either repair or replace them. We seem to be content with the same old owners and vacant buildings.	Beyond scope of project

1.7 Strengthen community policing and neighborhood crime watch programs to improve the overall safety (and perception of safety) in the neighborhoods and the City Center as a whole.	
Comments	Response
Very important to me is the neighborhood crime watch programs. Issues should be fully addressed.	Goal reflects comment
Crime - the graffiti in the surrounding neighborhoods and down town makes it less appealing to new businesses and current customers.	Goal reflects comment
I think those are great things to work on, identity of Renton, crime and get more citizens involved in their neighborhoods. I live on Park Ave and would love to see the drug situation get cleaned up.	Comment noted

1.8 Improve pedestrian-scaled lighting on streets and trails in the City Center.	
Comment	Response
Pedestrian-scaled lighting is always good	Goal reflects comment
The crosswalk signs in downtown are often blocked by vehicles so that you can't see when you can walk and miss the light to be able to walk as traffic is in the crosswalk.	Comment noted

General Comments about Goal 1 Sub-Goals	
Comment	Response
AGREE WITH ALL	Comment noted
These are all excellent goals and working toward them would dramatically improve the quality of life for those living and working downtown.	Comment noted
All of the above are important to achieve and maintain our city's goals.	Comment noted
Telephone and power lines should not be going down Logan or any CD zoned areas. The city needs to invest in the infrastructure.	Change recommended to goal 1.6
Attract and preserve retail in downtown core and improve parking.	Comment noted

Soften harsh facades and in-fill blank asphalt frontages (those attractive entries).	Comment noted
The City Center can become a vibrant center. Attractive signage and pedestrian/bike path connecting residential to city center and parks. I would like to see more on street cafe. More use of the events center	Comment noted
Anything that can be done to encourage more pedestrians in the City Center would help with both the perception of crime and creating a unique identity--more cultural activity and better lighting and signage to get people to park and walk. Renton's City Center has natural and historic features that go unnoticed because people don't get out of their cars, and then these features fail to become a source of pride and stimulate a desire for improvement.	Comment noted

Comments on Sub-Goals Associated with Goal #2

2.1 Support the regional employment center and foster economic vitality by improving regional transportation access, serving employees' and employers' needs, and providing necessary utilities and infrastructure.

Comment	Response
Improve visual clutter all around the city--like removing out-of-scale lighting in the DTR and giant billboards on Grady Way and Rainier Ave. Enforce sign codes and other codes to get rid of the perception that Renton is deteriorating and seedy. These seem like necessary precursors to attracting employers who come for reasons other than cheap rent.	Goal 1.1, 1.2, 2.2 partially reflect comment

2.2 Enhance the regional retail cluster by: improving identity, appearance, and circulation, consolidating and coordinating uses, enhancing and coordinating auto dealerships with more consistent signage and landscaping, and exploring coordinated marketing and signage standards.

Comment	Response
The car dealerships are blight on Renton. Huge parking lots filled with cars that aren't selling, impervious surfaces that aren't good for the environment, and hat-racked trees ruin the ambiance of the city.	Comment noted and partially reflected in goal 2.8
Turn the vacant auto dealers on Grady Way into greener spaces with a mix of commercial, residential and mini-parks and get rid of the asphalt jungle.	Comment partially reflected in goal 4.6 and 4.4
Fewer auto dealerships would be even better.	Comment noted

2.3 Create a Business Improvement District (BID) in Downtown to organize and fund joint marketing, joint parking strategies, property improvements, community events, and streetscape improvements.

Comment	Response
Business improvement district may be a good idea depending on cost and other factors. Don't want to turn DTR exclusively upscale. Some low-margin operators serve the community, and new businesses can get started when space is inexpensive. Parking is still a problem - consider some angle parking on 3rd, 2nd, Wells, Williams, adding more lots, eliminating the planter strips on 2nd near Wells & Williams. . Unfortunately a lot of people don't like to walk far from their cars.	Comment noted
The market (i.e. private sector) has already initiated this on their own and should be left to do that on their own - not a priority.	Comment noted
If the initiatives like the BID are mostly community-driven, that's best.	Comment noted
Unfortunately, the City will have to exercise leadership to make a BID succeed, and I think that's a	Comment noted

worthwhile investment of resources.	
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2.4 Better utilize the Events Center.	
Comment	Response
Events Center? I didn't even know there was one! Advertise, get the word out, and make it useable.	Goal reflects comment
The Events Center should be utilized to teach residents to compost, maybe provide gardening workshops.	Comment noted
The events center downtown is sad. That could be a great restaurant, etc. Instead of having a pull into down town Renton, you have an event center. Why?	Goal reflects comment

2.5 Enhance and provide space for small-scale, mixed-use, local retail on Park Avenue North connecting The Landing to Downtown.	
Comment	Response
Park Drive, Lake Washington should be connected to the landing.	Comment reflected in goal 6.1
Please start today by making Park Avenue, one lane in each direction with a parking lane on each side of the street. This will help us to be pedestrian friendly.	Comment reflected in goal 6.1
The connection for the Landing to downtown should include Gene Coulon Park and Southport. This would create a more upscale and beautiful setting for this stimulus	Comment reflected in goal 6.3
Hire the Urban Land Institute to study the city center and develop a plan. The mix of residential and business on Park Avenue is perfect at the moment and if changes occur they should be in favor of residential over business at this location. Improve the neighborhood feel of the Park Avenue corridor by undergrounding electric lines, creating a wide planting area between the sidewalk and curb, using decorative street lighting (ped [sic] lighting is pointless) and encouraging the existing businesses so they continue to thrive.	Comments noted
improving the links between the City Center and The Landing will help attract new employers	Goal reflects comment
Better connections between The Landing and the City Center might help revitalize the downtown, as would a greenway along the Cedar River with cultural amenities and restaurants.	Goal reflects comment
It would be nice to go to the Landing and continue to walk down Park Avenue and be able to shop at little boutiques, etc. It seems you have to go to the Landing and then drive to downtown to really do any shopping or eating. There isn't much in between.	Goal reflects comment
We are already too connected to retail. We need to encourage the available space at the Landing to develop as offices, campuses, or other living wage industries.	Comment noted

2.6 Create a greenway/promenade between the Cedar River and N 1st Street and consider phasing in small scale retail north of N 1st Street.	
Comment	Response
Love the idea of having a waterfront promenade. This could be a great asset to the community as a focal point creating an identity for Renton. This is an area that is quite valuable that hasn't had its potential unveiled. Its waterfront!	Goal reflects comment
Enhancing the area along the river to make it a visible asset	Goal reflects comment
Better connections between The Landing and the City Center might help revitalize the downtown, as would a greenway along the Cedar River with cultural amenities and restaurants.	Goal reflects comment
Make the Cedar River a centerpiece.	Goal reflects comment
The idea on N 1st and the Cedar River is the worst idea in the whole document. We cannot afford to acquire or maintain this property and we already have 100% access to the river all the way to lake. The houses that are involved represent a unique urban water view and should be recognized and valued for that.	Comment noted

2.7 Integrate and coalesce the North Mixed-Use Area (including The Landing) to ensure it develops into a cohesive, connected area.	
Comment	Response
The Landing is truly a great opportunity - get it filled up, more noticeable in the grand scheme of shopping the Eastside (South center, Bellevue Square, Redmond Towne Center) ...	Goal reflects comment
The Landing can develop into anything that you want, but please do not try to integrate it to my neighborhood because that just means that we will have to change to fit in with the shopping center.	Comment noted
Renton is a very disconnected city. It needs mixed-use hubs with walkable, greenway connections to encourage exercise and discourage car use for short distances.	Goal reflects comment

2.8 Continue to support opportunities to create a more vibrant Downtown where people live, work, learn, and play.	
Comment	Response
The Landing is nice, but we need to considerate on the HEART. I feel that the City Center is too big of an area. The real need is the Downtown. If this is set as the example, and all efforts are put here, then there will be a wave of improvements from this center. The Downtown needs to be the epicenter of this design study.	Comment noted

2.9 Pursue opportunities for a new City Hall.	
Comment	Response
Invest in the mutually-shared public spaces, not the private, HOWEVER, new city hall...? That should be at the bottom of the priority list!	Comment noted
There are MANY OTHER priorities than a new City Hall.	Comment noted
New city hall? Are you serious? What's wrong with the one we have?	Comment noted
A new City Hall????? What is wrong with the one that we already have?	Comment noted
Why a new City Hall?	Comment noted
Use the old McClendon's property for either a new library or city hall. What an anchor that would be	Goal reflects comment
Moving the city hall to its current location was a mistake because it moved a major economic engine to the periphery of downtown. Having city hall in the downtown core would provide a strong economic anchor in the area. It would provide downtown businesses with a solid base of customers in the area on a daily basis, whether in the form of city employees or citizens doing business with city offices. In particular it would boost the fortunes of businesses like restaurants and service oriented businesses. This in turn would help to reinvigorate downtown as a business center and attract other customers to merchants in the area. Moving city hall closer to the transit center would also likely encourage more transit usage by city employees. The current location is not easily accessible by transit (or by foot or bicycle). The city should investigate the long term feasibility of moving city hall to the downtown core.	
I lived in S. Renton for 4 years and never saw anyone use those overwhelming stairs.	Comment noted

General Comments	
Comment	Response
Again these goals will add to the growth and vitality of our city.	Comment noted
Who is going to pay for all of this??	Comment noted
Again, these seem to waste money. How about supporting other areas, such as the south hill?	Comment noted
CLEAN UP the areas south of the train tracks!!!!!! Listen to complaints made about the people who currently reside there whether they are tenants or homeowners. Help to make it a place that people would actually LIKE to live in. Maybe like it used to be 20 years ago.	Goal 4.1 and goal 4 reflect comment
We all should try and be a little more greener.	Goal 4.5 and 4.6 reflect comment
When Boeings leaves those big buildings on N. 6th tear them down and make those sites into parks or green spaces.	Comment noted

GREAT IDEAS	Comment noted
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Comments on Sub-Goals Associated with Goal #3

3.1 Coordinate Liberty Park, the KCLS Main Renton Library, the Renton History Museum, and the Cedar River as a key activity node for the City Center. The node should highlight and make visible this concentration of civic activities and emphasize that this is a critical crossroads connecting north and south City Center.

Comment	Response
The grouping of cultural buildings and organizations north of the City Center--museum, library, community center, etc.--are not visible and cohesive as a group now, and they tend to be overlooked. Raising their profile together would help them all succeed and provide residents and visitors with leisure activities.	Goal reflects comment
The Renton History Museum recently completed a new Master Plan. Activating a cultural neighborhood/corridor is one of the key goals of that plan. Working to make pedestrian traffic easier between these amenities will greatly benefit the community and will highlight that Renton does in fact have valuable cultural offerings available.	Goal reflects comment
Renton's parks are some of its best features, including access to the Cedar River and Lake Washington, yet they feel hidden and disconnected from the life of the city. The cluster of civic assets that includes the Museum suffers from the same problem, exacerbated by the fact that they're cut in two by 405, with library, Museum, and Liberty Park on one side and Community Center, Carco Theater, and pool on the other. And this cluster also feels disconnected from the more business-oriented downtown. Better signage, traffic calming, and a more impressive greenway along the river could help.	Goal reflects comment
Eliminate all roads bisecting the facilities to create a huge municipal campus.	Comment noted
A Civic center approach would be a great idea. It would follow the idea of Live, Work and Play...	Goal reflects comment
I think that we already do this.	Comment noted

3.2 Ensure that the KCLS Main Renton Library building remains in public use even if the Main Library relocates in the future.

Comment	Response
I think people are very excited that library is now part of King County. I think usage will rise.	Comment noted
Moving the library to the Spirit of Washington events center or another location in the central downtown core would help bring a lot more people to the downtown area, which in turn would benefit local businesses and would increase the foot traffic downtown. This in turn would likely help to address the perception of a crime problem in the downtown area.	Comment noted
Our library is one of the unique libraries of the country. How many people can say their library is over a river? Great usage of land.	Comment noted

Find a better use for the library than a fish museum. Make it the Renton History Museum. Tear down the existing museum location and expand the park.	Comment noted
The library is in a good place. Why relocate it?	Comment noted
Library building should probably be kept in City ownership but could be leased out if no good public use at the time. Small-scale public market? Food court? Shop stalls? Meeting center?	Comment noted
The main Renton library often gets forgotten about. I forget it is there. So make it a more well known that the library exists and that it is a great place to do research or just read by the water.	Comment reflected in goal 3.3
Make sure that the new KCLS facility (if there has to be one) is located in the downtown area within walking distance of the core.	Comment noted
I do not think the building would be very well suited for private use. For example, if it is a bar/restaurant I think that there will be more garbage and cigarettes thrown into the river. This is a sensitive area that we need to protect. I would consider removing the building rather than see it used as a private business. Removing the building could be used in a mitigation bank for some other waterfront area in Renton.	Comment noted
Our library people are so understanding. They give the personal touch that many don't.	Comment noted
Yes!	Comment noted

3.3 Implement the Tri-Park Master Plan. Unify Liberty Park, Cedar River Park, and the NARCO Property area with better circulation, Wayfinding, and coordinated amenities.

Comment	Response
There is no intuitive way to go from South Renton or City Center to Liberty park and Cedar River. A pedestrian/bike thoroughfare needs to be established	Comment reflected in goal
Clean up Liberty Park and add some Police presence.	Comment noted
Make sure Gene Coulon Park is recognized in the access and circulation and visibility issues raised above	Comment reflected in goal 6.1
Agreed!	Comment noted

Comments about All Goal #3 Sub-Goals

Comment	Response
These improvements won't matter if people don't want to live in the general downtown area.	Comment noted
Include our Renton Community Center in the first plan, as well as the Off Leash Dog Park.	Beyond scope of project

Comments on Sub-Goals Associated with Goal #4

4.1 Implement a property maintenance ordinance to ensure the housing stock is maintained and codes are enforced in residential areas.

Comment	Response
Rentals need to be maintained.	Comment reflected in goal
I would hate to see the downtown single-family residences subject to additional ordinances like covenants found in suburban projects. Let the improvements come organically.	Comment noted
Provide incentives for owners of older buildings to preserve and enhance what is unique about their houses and businesses.	Comment noted
The most important is the property maintenance ordinances - THEY HAVE TO BE ENFORCED.	Comment noted
A lot of Renton's downtown single family area feels dirty, rundown, and overall not impressive. Somehow we need to get people to take care of their property, make the streets prettier and create a sort of historic single family nice residential area.	Comment reflected in goal
There are some beautiful neighborhoods but the value of the homes decline quickly if people are allowed to have junk and unmaintained landscape.	Comment reflected in goal

4.2 Consider rezoning the intact, single-family area of the South Renton neighborhood to single-family zoning to ensure the single-family neighborhood remains intact.

Comment	Response
Please convert the South Renton neighborhood back to single family zoning. Include 3-4 more pea patches in the downtown area between the Landing and South Renton. North Renton has one, give them another one, place one by the dog park and put 1 in South Renton	Comment reflected in goal and in goal 4.6
I also believe that rezoning our homes to make them single family rather than the current multi-use would be a bad idea--and smells like a takings, which may tie the city up in court. I know that my property value would drop if the city took that route. The genie is already out of the bottle---and the goal, I thought, was to pack density into the city core. Limiting the ability of multifamily construction in these neighborhoods would only increase the sprawl.	Comment noted
Renton's single family housing in its downtown area is part of what makes it so great and such a walkable area. Many people move to Renton because they find the downtown houses so charming and welcoming.	Comment reflected in goal
Re-zone the single family neighborhoods to keep the small town friendly atmosphere somewhat intact in the immediate downtown neighborhood. Pass an ordinance that would prevent motorhomes, trailers and other large vehicles from being parked on the street and in the alleys. These vehicles are very unsightly and should not be allowed to trash up our alleys and lower the property values of those who maintain	Comment reflected in goal and goal 4.1

beautiful backyards and gardens behind their houses. Motorhomes and trailers should not be allowed to be parked on the street or in the alley or on the backyards of any homes in the City.	
Not sure that the right kind of multifamily will detract from the existing single family. Should listen to the residents and owners on this. But all of the features and infrastructure are there for more density.	Comment reflected in goal and goal 4.3
Rezoning to maintain the inventory of single-family homes within the downtown area - somewhat unique in the Puget Sound area - is a fabulous idea	Comment reflected in goal
Any plan to increase the single family housing in the downtown area has my support.	Comment noted
South Renton needs to be protected as a single family use neighborhood.	Comment reflected in goal
Contemplate those neighborhoods in the future in the event Renton grows significantly. The residential neighborhoods within the urban core may be better utilized for vibrant mixed use sites as the region grows, and the roads continue to get congested. A live work and pedestrian friendly urban core may be better served by areas of greater density. The majority of Renton is single family, and it is so centrally located relative to major employment and transportation it is a logical area to grow. The housing stock if the CBD could be looked at and considered, but few are historically or architecturally significant	Comment noted

4.3 Establish measures (such as setbacks, buffers, landscape screening, and height restrictions) to protect edges of single-family areas from adjacent development.

Comment	Response
The neighborhoods along Grady especially could use some buffering.	Comment reflected in goal

4.4 Implement the City's Urban Forestry Plan and initiates a street tree planting program in the residential neighborhoods to increase canopy cover, improve the streetscapes, and promote community building.

Comment	Response
Good for the environment	Comment reflected in goal
Make sure the trees are friendly to the sidewalks. Also not have tons of leaves for the homeowners to deal with. The leaves make for unhappy people. The city doesn't get the ones that find their way into yards and houses.	Comment noted
Trees and landscaping has to be done sustainably- the right trees are planted in the right places, native plants should be used because they don't depend on being watered constantly, etc.	Comment noted
Many of the streets should be tree lined and a program like the City of Seattle to help green up neighborhoods is a great idea	Comment reflected in goal
Make the neighborhoods greener and more attractive, and provide incentives for homeowners to	Comment reflected in goal

improve and preserve what is unique about their older homes. The Neighborhood Program does a great job of encouraging residents to take pride in their neighborhoods.	
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4.5 Increase neighborhood amenities, including neighborhood gardens, green spaces, public art, and family services.

Comment	Response
The extension of Burnett Linear Park should include a pea patch area. More open green space should provide opportunities for adults and family to use, not just play space.	Comment reflected in goal
Make the neighborhoods greener and more attractive	Comment reflected in goal
The city needs to change its methods. In the downtown area, for the last five years, the city has removed more trees that will not grow back in my lifetime than anyone else. I will cite Williams just south of the river as the example, This was a beautiful street with a natural awning and they were all taken out. These assets simply cannot be replaced.	Comment noted

4.6 Initiate a City sponsored traffic calming program on residential streets and improve residential streetscapes with landscaping, street trees, and sidewalks.

Comment	Response
The sidewalks need more trees and flowers!	Change recommended
Depends upon what is meant by traffic calming program - no speed bumps please	Comment noted
North and South can be neighborhoods, but they should not control the traffic which is killing the DT. I think if North Renton stays as its low scaled houses that would be good, but only if 1st Street is Commercial, we need a way to get into the Downtown and there are minimal ways to get onto Williams from North Renton. Most DT's have a busy 1st street with Commercial Development, what a great way to start revitalizing the Cedar River, and the Green way by framing it with Commercial buildings?	Comment reflected in goal 6.8 and 2.6
Slowing or deterring traffic from my neighborhood is very important. Recently we have had a fatality accident and it is time that we stop talking about being pedestrian friendly and start being pedestrian friendly. We can start on this by ending one way streets and adding parking lanes to Park Avenue. These will be relatively cheap and easy fixes.	Comment reflected in goal and goal 6.5
Changing the one-way streets back to bi-directional is only a good idea if those same streets don't become short-cuts with increased speed and traffic.	Comment noted

4.7 Install signs and enforce truck routes to keep trucks off residential streets.

Comment	Response

4.8 Ensure that the City Center is a place for families.

Comment	Response
I think we should have more places for families to gather.	Comment noted

General Comments about Goal #4 Sub-Goals

Comment	Response
These are all excellent goals.	Comment noted
I strongly support all of the above!	Comment noted
AGREE WITH ALL	Comment noted
As a resident of the north Renton neighborhood with a young family, I think the initiatives I checked above are essential to our community.	Comment noted
All great ideas - enforce the laws that are already in city code!	Comment noted

Comments on Sub-Goals Associated with Goal #5

5.1 Support Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) efforts to encourage all regional through-traffic to I-405 by improving and reconfiguring interchanges and adding capacity to I-405 between SR 167 and NE 44th Street.

Comment	Response
Strongly support 405 intersections to bring traffic directly downtown.	Comment noted
I-405 needs a LOT of help, it is too congested to travel on.	Comment reflected in goal
I would also like to see some sound buffering from 405 and the South Renton neighborhood.	Comment noted
Making public transportation more accessible and providing more funding to it would be much better than adding lanes to a freeway, freeways do very little to enhance the livability of a community in addition to being a visual and environmental nightmare.	Comment noted

5.2 Designate Logan Avenue as a State Route for sub-regional through traffic within the City Center.

Comment	Response
Allow parking for existing businesses on Logan.	Comment noted
Logan needs to be widened at the landing (as it should have been built) to keep through traffic out of North Renton.	Comment reflected in goal
515 connecting to Logan is essential for the DT. Traffic needs to move through the Downtown, not around it. With the new exit, and on ramp to 515, the Downtown could use this exit to get traffic to move through and so people will know where Downtown Renton is, instead of being lost. Tired of giving directions to people. Never lived in a City of so many lost people. Even with Navigation, don't know if we should not do anything about the roads. Tobin needs to connect Logan to Williams, as a way to get traffic to avoid North Renton. Tobin could be another way to get cars to come into Downtown Renton from Rainier. No Spot Zoned neighborhoods in the DT, needs to be MIXED Use.	Comment noted

5.3 Remove the truck route designation from Park Avenue N. Consider removing the truck route designation from N 6th Street as well.

Comment	Response
Cars race through the south Renton neighborhood. Trucks should not be using neighborhood streets. Speed bumps, circular stops need to be implemented to slow traffic	Comment reflected in goal and goal 4.6

5.4 Work with appropriate agencies and departments to identify a preferred route for a future Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

and/or Light Rail Transit (LRT) line that would best serve the City Center.	
Comment	Response
Keep working on getting light rail to Renton.	Comment reflected in goal
What about the BNSF rail line? Let's work on that!	Comment reflected in goal 7.3
It'd be nice to have LRT. Our bus connections to Federal Way and the rest of the south is not the greatest.	Comment reflected in goal
A light rail line through downtown Renton to Bellevue and points to the south would be one of the best ways of ensuring the continued vitality of downtown. Future growth in the region is likely going to develop most strongly around transit hubs, especially those with combined light rail and bus connections. A light rail station in the downtown area would encourage increased residency downtown and would bring new businesses to serve new residents and the commuters using the rail system.	Comment reflected in goal
The City Center does not need a LRT. Downtown is easily accessible. The streets and parking need improvement.	Comment noted
Light Rail underground. It's called a subway. All the great cities have one.	Comment noted
Lightrail is so close - it's at the airport. A line down 405-ish from there would connect the airport, Southcenter, and The Landing. A couple more stops, and we'd be in Bellevue. I can't wait!	Comment reflected in goal

5.5 Continue to pursue opportunities for a future water taxi to connect Renton to Lake Washington cities such as Bellevue, Kirkland, Mercer Island, and/or Seattle.	
Comment	Response
The water taxi would not have enough income to be self supporting and our tax dollars are best spent on other priorities	Comment noted
I know that water taxis were cut, but pursue	Comment reflected in goal
Would people who live in Renton actually take a water taxi, or would it be more of a tourist thing? Many people in Renton don't go to Bellevue, Kirkland, and Mercer Island because they don't need to.	Comment noted
I do not support any public financing of a water taxi in Renton. It will serve so few and cost so much that I think that any investment that goes toward this idea should be private. My guess is that no private company will accept the risk unless there are also public funds.	Comment noted
Don't pursue a water taxi idea unless it is economically viable and actually connects on the other end to real destinations - Meydenbauer Bay is not where I go in Bellevue.	Comment noted
A unique and useful idea	Comment noted

5.6 Encourage Sound Transit and/or Metro to build and operate a public parking garage in The Landing/Coulon Park

vicinity that could be used as a park-and-ride facility for future BRT/LRT and for commercial uses in north City Center.	
Comment	Response
The last thing we need is more parking spaces. Spend the time, money and energy on making things less dependent on private transportation and encouraging people to find options that are better for the environment and their own health. South County residents have higher incidences of obesity, diabetes and other preventable diseases/health conditions- many things that can be helped and prevented, even, with exercise.	Comment noted and reflected in goals 6.1, 6.2, 6.11, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 8.2
More boat launch parking or multi-use parking for Coulon.	Comment noted
Is a parking garage REALLY necessary? There's a TON of parking at the landing already. Would people really use the parking garage because they were using it as a park and ride? Are there people who even need/want to use a park and ride?	Comment noted
Parking garages are silly investments if you do not CHARGE for parking.	Comment noted
I would not want to see an additional transit parking garage until it is sustainable with population growth, and I would not want to lose the current S Renton P&R & Renton Transit center.	Comment noted

5.7 Take advantage of planned HOV access ramp at N 8th Street to provide access for future BRT and carpools.	
Comment	Response

5.8 Provide bike connections to future BRT/LRT stops and to future park and ride lots.	
Comment	Response
How many people really ride bikes? I checked one time and was surprised to find it was mostly children. I found one adult was riding a bike in S. Renton. Many people said they would ride bikes but when it rains they drive.	Comment noted

General Comments about Goal #5 Sub-Goals	
Comment	Response
As a resident of the north Renton neighborhood with a young family, I think the initiatives I checked above are essential to our community.	Comment noted
AGREE WITH ALL	Comment noted

All of these goals will help pull the city center together. At this time the City is a little disconnected.	Comment noted
Transportation is not as important as improving the neighborhoods!	Comment noted

Comments on Sub-Goals Associated with Goal #6

6.1 Improve Park Avenue N as a key pedestrian connection between Coulon Park, The Landing, North Renton, Downtown, and South Renton with sidewalks, landscaping, Wayfinding, public art, and other amenities.

Comment	Response
Park Avenue could be a fantastic pedestrian street with very little work. Currently traffic is too fast to make this possible. Please consider changing the right lane in each direction into a parking lane. Traffic will slow and overflow will stay on Logan.	Comment reflected in goal
Logan is the thru fare now. Park Ave should be an eclectic mix of small business owners providing products/services.	Comment reflected in goal

6.2 Consider a streetcar line along Park Avenue N connecting Coulon Park, The Landing, Downtown, and the Transit Center.

Comment	Response
A trolley would be a much better solution than more garages. Get people to walk and use transit.	Comment noted
A street car line has no business case.	Comment noted
A small shuttle bus (like the Access buses) that loops between these areas is more cost effective.	Comment noted
A streetcar or trolley linking Transit Center to Coulon, with stops along the way, would be wonderful, as well as encourage more walking. Be bold and make Renton less car-friendly.	Comment noted
Extend the Streetcar through South Renton and over to Triton Towers, the Asian grocery store and then back.	Comment noted and change recommended
Trolley is a money pit, don't consider. Encourage walking and bikes instead on Park Avenue.	Comment noted
Seattle is currently contemplating whether it can afford to continue using its street cars because they're expensive- does it really make sense to install one here? There are far better options for public transportation that may require less construction. How long would a street care be usable for? If it's going to be replaced in 10 years by something more efficient, why bother?	Comment noted
Don't institute a streetcar unless it is economically viable and considered valuable by merchants. Find economical ways to improve traffic flow and connectivity.	Comment noted
If there existing unused railroad tracks (and there are?), use them in addition to whatever is planned re: a streetcar. Also, the old Waterfront streetcars from Seattle, the Australian antiques, are in storage but are in really good shape, and would attract visitors much more so than a modern streetcar.	Comment noted
I cannot support any public funds being used for a train or a street car on Park Avenue. People will not even walk from Target to Fry's at the Landing and if we think that they will park at the Landing and ride to	Comment noted

downtown, we are making mistake. Again, if the private sector wishes to invest in this area, that is great, but no public funds.	
I'm not sure a streetcar is the right choice - perhaps start by building lightrail, so in the future, it can just connect right into the Sound Transit system. I think Seattle's biggest drawback is that you have to keep transferring from bus to light rail to monorail to streetcar. If everyone was on one system (see Boston, New York, etc) then it would be easier to get around.	Comment noted
Love the Street Car idea. Fully support it.	Comment noted
But fund it with a business tax/property tax for those parcels immediately adjacent the line.	Comment noted
I don't understand the ridership for a street car - recreational, commuter, retail? Don't build it just for the cool factor.	Comment noted

6.3 Extend Park Avenue N north of Logan Avenue N to the waterfront to connect to Southport, future development, potential future water taxi terminal, and Coulon Park.

Comment	Response
I think it'd be awesome to have everything better connected, whether it'd be through water taxi or pedicabs. It'd bring more people to the city I think if we provide better ways to get around and make transportation fun. Who doesn't love a water taxi?	Comment reflected in goal

6.4 Provide connections that allow multiple circulation routes from the Bronson/SR169 area to the Landing vicinity.

Comment	Response

6.5 Evaluate necessity and benefits of the one-way streets within the City Center and consider redesigning to two-way streets for better circulation and access.

Comment	Response
Please! One way streets in Renton are a mess!!!	Comment noted
Do not change the residential one-way streets. If 2nd and 3rd in the downtown are considered that would be fine--but not the residential streets.	Comment noted
One-way streets do tend to calm traffic; perhaps if the signage were better, it would be less confusing, particularly where one-way streets meet two-way streets (Main, Houser, and Mill is very dangerous). Reducing visual clutter would also help the one-way streets.	Comment reflected in goal

The current width of the one way streets would make two way traffic dangerous and make the traffic flow worse.	Comment noted
Although the one-way streets are confusing, to some extent they also slow traffic; examine the points where one-way streets meet two-way (like Houser, 3rd, Mill, and Main, which is very dangerous), and see what can be done to make them clearer or more sensible. I'd like to see the Wayfinding program completed, and then all other cluttered signage removed	Comment noted
Get rid of the one way streets downtown. Many people will not come to shop in downtown because of the hassle of the one-way streets and the lack of downtown parking.	Comment noted
One-way streets are not inherently bad.	Comment noted
Being new to Renton, I have to say the one-way streets, angled streets, and routes are VERY confusing. I usually bypass driving in the City and stick to 405. Please make it easier to navigate and get from The Landing to Downtown.	Comment reflected in goal
I support stopping the one way streets throughout the downtown area as a way to slow traffic down.	Comment noted
It isn't clear whether it's just North Williams or both North and South Williams that are being considered to convert to two way. While the plan states its N Renton, the map identifies Williams Avenue S as the area under consideration. Working on Grady, and living on Williams Avenue S, I think such a conversion would be very destructive to the neighborhood. I firmly believe that the traffic would increase beyond that which now selects Wells to enter the downtown. Limiting the traffic on Williams and Wells serves the interests of families with young children like mine.	Comment noted
We should actively try to push through traffic to 405. I think that ending one way streets will help with this goal.	Comment noted

6.6 Prioritize improvements to vehicular and pedestrian safety, connectivity, and traffic flow at the following key intersections: Airport Way S and Logan Avenue N, S 2nd Street, Bronson Way N, and Main Avenue S, and SW Langston, SR 900, and Hardie Avenue SW.

Comment	Response

6.7 Provide Wayfinding, gateway features, and directional cues to facilitate the movement between sub-areas and reduce the visual clutter of signs.

Comment	Response
Signs needed - visitors get lost easily. No tall buildings for orientation.	Goal reflected in comment

6.8 Improve streets, intersections, and Wayfinding at the key civic node located at Bronson Way N, Park Avenue N, N 1st Street, N Riverside Drive, Houser Way S to enhance multimodal circulation.

Comment	Response

6.9 Consider a ‘road diet’ on Rainier Avenue N between the City’s northern boundary and N Airport Way, which would reduce the right-of-way dedicated to vehicular traffic and provide right-of-way space for an enhanced multi-use path for the Lake Washington Loop Trail.

Comment	Response
Road diet?	Comment noted
As for road diet - go for it - it works north of city limits quite well!	Comment noted

6.10 Initiate a City sponsored traffic calming program on residential streets and improve residential streetscapes with landscaping, street trees, and sidewalks.

Comment	Response
Consider roundabouts.	Comment noted

6.11 Continue to improve the overall safety and connections for bicyclists within the City Center

Comment	Response
As far bicyclists, how about enforcing traffic laws for them? I have had too many near misses by bicyclists cutting me off, not signaling, etc.	Comment noted
Renton has an image of being unfriendly to bicyclists, much of it justified. Particular problem areas include connections between the downtown core and areas to the east such as the Highlands and to the west such as Southcenter, the interurban trail, etc.	Comment noted
Add bike trails and pedestrian trails where we can walk our dogs where ever possible!	Comment noted
Connections north toward Seattle and Bellevue are actually not bad but the city does need to do a better job of providing signage and directions about these routes.	Comment noted

6.12 Consider the enhancement of S/SW 7th Street between Rainier Avenue S and Talbot Road S with bus access improvements, an improved intersection at Talbot Road S, neighborhood traffic calming, and a separated bicycle trail.

Comment	Response

General Comments about Goal #6 Sub-Goals

Comment	Response
Some of these seem to be more of a waste of money.	Comment noted
All of the above are good ideas.	Comment noted
As a resident of the north Renton neighborhood with a young family, I think the initiatives I checked above are essential to our community.	Comment noted
AGREE WITH ALL	Comment noted
Transportation is not as important as improving the neighborhoods!	Comment noted
Think Big, not small... Can't contain growth, we need to plan for the FUTURE!!! With a projection of 2.6 Million in 20 years, we need to figure that a lot of people moving to the Seattle area will move to Renton. If it is hard to get around Renton today, can you imagine in 20 years. If we are planning that Cars will be flying in 2030, then leave the roads alone, but if it is not to happen, what will the new 2.6 million people be transporting in? With cars becoming more efficient, and less polluting then Diesel Trains and Buses, I believe more people will want to control their route then to take mass transit. People should have choices, but not limited ones... especially if light rail takes so long to build, and is a slow way of going around... and don't believe Renton will have enough pull to get it built here any time soon.	Comment noted
These are all key areas that need improvement today! In order to promote business development and help current businesses succeed this needs to be addressed now rather than in 10- 20 years.	Comment noted
At this time it seems that Southport and the Landing are not really perceived to be a part of Renton by achieving some of the above goals we will be able to pull the city together.	Comment noted

Comments on Sub-Goals Associated with Goal #7

7.1 Increase bike connections within the City Center and to existing recreational facilities, according to the City's Trails and Bicycle Master Plan and the Lake-to-Sound Trail Study.

Comment	Response
This has been on the books forever. It is time to get it done. It should not be a long term goal it should be in the build it stage.	Comment reflected in goal

7.2 As a long-term goal, provide connections between 1) Cedar River and Coulon Park and 2) Cedar River to the Green River Trail

Comment	Response
Implement a bypass route (just sign how to get from one part to the other) for cyclists who wish to avoid the Cedar River Trail mess created by the reduced speed limits in the congested zone.	Comment noted
All the trails in the area need to be connected. I would be much more willing to bike and walk for exercise or to just run errands, if all the trails connected together	Comment reflected in goal and goal 7.1
Trails/parks should be planned for, but the money should first be spent on developing facilities (roads, access, etc) and parks should come later.	Comment noted
I love running on this trail and it is also enjoyed by many locals. This is another way to promote growth and keep those who live here for a long time.	Comment noted
Great idea.	Comment noted

7.3 Preserve and maintain the BNSF corridor as a rail and trail corridor that could include a future transit line and a future multiuse trail.

Comment	Response
I would support anything that goes to re-establishing a functioning rail line along the east shore of Lake Washington, especially connecting Kent/Auburn with Bellevue/Kirkland/Woodinville.	Comment noted
Preserve ANYTHING that could help get lightrail moving through our region!	Comment noted
If we are to preserve the rail for future use, I think it will have to be surrounded by mix use buildings on both sides to shelter the rail and to keep with the Urban feel. It would further block the sound of the rail.	Comment noted
Nothing against trails, but once RR tracks are gone, they're gone. Don't dig them up.	Comment noted
I love railroads - bring back the dinner train!	Comment noted

Oh here it is!	Comment noted
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General Comments about Goal #7 Sub-Goals	
Comment	Response
Transportation is not as important as improving the neighborhoods!	Comment noted
Yes to all of these recommendations. I live downtown and my goal is to walk/bike/public transportation, leaving my car at home. This means that my shopping is done in Renton.	Comment noted
As a resident of the north Renton neighborhood with a young family, I think the initiatives I checked above are essential to our community.	Comment noted
AGREE WITH ALL	Comment noted

Comments on Sub-Goals Associated with Goal #8

8.1 As a long term goal provide a natural shoreline on the Cedar River and Lake Washington shorelines.

Comment	Response
Some to the shore line on Lake Washington is better as it is - providing harbor access and docking opportunities such as those at Gene Coulon Park and Southport. Those areas are limited and critical for the recreational and public enjoyment of Lake Washington, and as such rely on the bulkheads and docks and improvements built and possible in the future. Additional dock space is also possible in that area and in front of Boeing as it is eventually built out. The flume structure at Boeing, and in front of Southport needs to be preserved for its future navigational attributes as well as the siltation of those harbor areas is prohibited by maintaining the existing flume.	Comment noted
What natural Shoreline for the Cedar River? It's not its Natural Path.... I would like it to look like San Antonio's River Walk in Texas. http://www.southernliving.com/travel/southern-christmas-vacations-00400000060419/ This would create a true destination atmosphere.	Comment noted
I can't see how much can be done in include private (Boeing) and public (Airport) areas into a natural shoreline without a lot of tax money.	Comment noted

8.2 Improve the Cedar River Trail with additional access trails, lights, public art, and amenities and as a long-term goal, expand the trail to the opposite side of the river.

Comment	Response
I think that our current riverfront is beautiful and useful. Changing this development will be very expensive with very little pay off. I do not think that many changes are needed here and I walk along the river every day.	Comment noted
Coulon Park is great - I'd love to see more beaches/access/shorelines for pedestrian use. Business can be there, just a block back. Take a look at the Portland Waterfront - huge park, skyscrapers around it. Great model.	Comment reflected in goal
Expanding the Cedar River trail seems less urgent than dealing with frequent closures (and rapid deterioration of the hard surface and plantings) due to flooding and the closing of bridges over the Cedar due to a buildup of debris during floods.	Comment noted and reflected in goal 8.1
Cedar river is a big call - visitors' and residents' experience should be enhanced. I don't think we should add public art, lights and other amenities are great, but the youth will only graffiti the art.	Comment noted
The Cedar River Trail has trails on both sides of the river below the library. The Cedar River trail east of the library is just fine the way it is, don't light it, public art-it or put no more amenities on it and keep it as natural as it is today.	Comment noted

The Cedar River has never been exploited as an amenity for the city in anything like the ways it should be. All of these are excellent suggestions. The river should be much more of a focus for the city as a recreational area.	Comment reflected in goal
Make the river a centerpiece, but sensibly, with amenities and features to handle the extra attention.	Comment noted
Art...I would rather have one more police person or fire person that spending dollars on art. Art should be donated not funded with taxpayer dollars	Comment noted
Agree on the improve the Cedar River Trail network. It is a major asset for Renton.	Comment reflected in goal
The Cedar River Trail is a wonderful amenity that the City of Renton has to offer. As a frequent user of the trail, my only concern is the potential safety issues concerning the transients that like to camp near the trail. It has made uncomfortable enough that I rarely use the trail alone. I have heard that police patrols of the trail have been increased. Police presence plus the addition of lighting will greatly improve the atmosphere of the trail. Public art and the addition of historic panels would be an added bonus.	Comment noted
The Cedar could be such asset, but it's completely hidden.	Comment reflected in goal

8.3 In the near term extend Burnett Linear Park north to Houser Way S where there are currently parking lots.	
Comment	Response
What are the VFW and Red House going to do for parking? They are both an important part of our neighborhood.	Comment noted
I would like to see the Dinner train facility used and the attending retail get a boost in activity	Comment noted
Cars are old technology carbon producers and all that but businesses need parking.	Comment noted
I would NOT, repeat NOT--get rid of the parking at the north end of Burnett Linear Park. Where would those who want to use the park, park? This is a DUMB idea.	Comment noted
How can we afford to lose any more parking???	Comment noted
The parking north of Burnett Linear Park is used - ALL the time (I don't know if I can say the same for the parking garage on south second).	Comment noted
Extending Burnett Linear park though the parking lots would be ok if only some of the parking spaces are taken away. Don't take away all of them. With the Red House, VFW hall and other events downtown this will be valuable needed parking. Living in the area it is not uncommon to have to park 3 rows deep some nights to get to the red house. Maybe creating angled parking on the North side going towards 3rd Ave would be a solution and converting the other section to grass, shrubbery and trees.	Comment noted
No near term projects--without additional federal monies--that the city can't afford on its own without financing.	Comment noted

8.4 In the long term extend Burnett Linear Park north to the Cedar River with green space and pedestrian amenities.	
Comment	Response
Extending Burnett Linear will create a barrier to businesses to the west for pedestrians.	Comment noted

General Comments about Goal #8 Sub-Goals	
Comment	Response
Transportation is not as important as improving the neighborhoods!	Comment noted
AGREE WITH ALL	Comment noted
Wastes of money	Comment noted

Do you have any suggestions for a different Vision Statement? If so please indicate.

Comment or Suggestion
Renton City Center: Come Find Yourself or Get Lost
Renton's City Center: Live, Work, Play
City of Renton Living in Harmony
Renton City: It's more than you ever thought.
Something, anything with John Keister and Bill Ney in it.
These are not as important as improving the neighborhoods!
Renton's City Center, Soars on The Wings of Future Possibilities...
City Center: Bringing Us Together
Bottom line: Use Lake Washington as the draw in whatever theme statement for the City Center Plan as a whole knowing that Lake Washington is also in Renton will help change the perception of Renton.
Renton the Center of Lake Washington's South End etc.
Renton - Lake Washington's link to the South
Experience Renton, home to the South Gate of Lake Washington
Renton - Home to South Lake Washington
The Heartbeat of South Lake Washington....
Welcome to the South Gate of Lk. Washington
Home to the South Gate of Lake Washington
WORK, STAY, PLAY IN DOWNTOWN
Epic Transformation
What happened to Ahead of the Curve? Why was it abandoned? Seems that slogans and theme statements are not actually important. What is important is results. Sure, the mayor must set a direction, but just do it instead of making up some funny phrase that will just be discarded in the next few years.
Heart of the Curve
Another of Renton's strengths is that it is not quite Eastside, not quite south, and not quite Seattle... But has a little of all those.
Renton: where city and community meet
Renton is not really the 'Center' the Puget Sound....
Renton City Center: Live! Work! Play!
Downtown Renton: Everything's Waiting for You.
Downtown Renton: Come to Live, Work, & Play
This is a HARD one. Either need a unique theme statement or none at all. The perfect theme is out there somewhere!
Do we really NEED a theme statement?
The importance of theme statements is pretty lost on me.
These are not a vision statement, more of a jingle.

Wonderful Things Happen Here
Healthy, sustainable Renton
Going Green in this River Community (by recycle old empty buildings, recycling train track, walking/bussing to work, walking to eat out instead of driving, etc)
Bridging home, work, and entertainment
Reconnecting
Renton, proud of our curve and still ahead (not simple but part of our history) Let's not forget our 100 years of history while we change our city.
Live, work, enjoy
For a theme, stick with simple, Live, work, play
Renton City Center, cheap space in a stimulating environment.
What's up with Ahead of the Curve...?
Renton the city of the future come explore
City Center Rejuvenation: Making It Happen
Renton 2.0 (kidding)... perhaps Connected Renton or something along those lines - you're really merging the bits and pieced of Renton into one cohesive whole.
City Center: Activity Gateway
City Center: Gateway to Activity
Connecting Renton to the World
Seriously? Didn't the city spend \$100000 to come up with Ahead of the Curve? You are now asking in a poll what the city center theme should be? How about, let's get businesses in to the downtown core and do it by using taxpayer money wisely.
The city needs to recognize the diverse people in it - culture, race, ethnicity, religion [there are Jewish people in this community - really], ability
Let the plan sell itself -- don't spend excessive amounts of time on catchy names.
Capturing the Heart of Renton
Connecting Opportunities
Weaving the Center of Opportunity
Someone is working too hard on this.
Keep it simple. City of Renton 10 year Plan
Renton's City Center : Realizing Opportunities

Do you have any final comments you would like to add about the City Center Plan draft?

Comment or Suggestion	Topic of Comment	Response
It is a great start. Let's begin the journey!	General	Comment noted
Improving the neighborhoods! Listen and act when complaints are issued.	Neighborhoods	Comment addressed (goal 4)
Keep up the good work - Renton has GREAT potential to truly be the best city on the eastside.	General	Comment noted
PLENTY of additional areas were lumped into the city center map that I would not consider part of the city center, so it gets too watered down and almost a document that tries to appeal to too many different interests.	Mapping of City Center	Beyond scope of project
I feel like we're pouring money into a never ending pit. I believe we need to learn from other cities failures. Few cities have been able to revive downtown areas without a unique vision, (gimmick).	General	Comment noted
Please slow down on additional retail ideas, we are drowning in retail zoning.	Retail mix	Comment noted
Please come up with a plan that is fiscally responsible as we are just starting an era of reduced government spending and services. Please do not build assets that we will not be able to maintain.	Financing	Comment noted
Love it. Take the low hanging fruit and get going ;)	General	Comment noted
It is refreshing to see a vision which looks far into the future. The Public transit opportunities should be contemplated within this vision, Connection to Seattle, Bellevue and the Airport would get you ahead of the curve of the other Cities adjacent to Renton.	Public transit	Comment addressed (goal 5.4, 5.5, and 6.2)
Well done.	General	Comment noted
Keep up the excellent work and continue to seek out feedback for Renton's community!	General	Comment noted
I would be interested in seeing more details in regards to the revisions planned around Coulon Park and Renton Landing. I do have some concerns about how the revision would affect my neighborhood at the Bristol. My main concern would be a large increase in car traffic. Pedestrian access does need to be greatly improved. It would help link the Landing with the park. Right now the current transportation in north Renton is terrible. I live and work near the Landing and it is a struggle to get around easily. The bus lines are basically non-existent up here, and it would be so beneficial to have a bus stop near the Park that would more easily accommodate those who are trying to get downtown. Right now the whole area seems a bit disconnected and cut off from	Park Ave, Coulon Park, Public Transit	Comment partially addressed (goal 6)

the rest of the city.		
PLEASE DO MAKE THE RR TRACKS A BIKEPATH CONNECTOR AND KEEP UP THE HARD WORK...IT WILL PAY OFF FOR SURE.	Railroad Right of Way	Comment addressed (goal 7.3)
Glad that the City is Studying this, I would like to be more involved with this process. Please let me know how I can help.	General	Comment noted
Thank you for offering us the opportunity to comment and considering our input. I appreciate the small town feel of Renton.	General	Comment noted
If you need a geographer with skills in GIS, Urban and Health Care contact me. I love my city and I want it to continue to blossom. May the Lord bless.	General	Comment noted
Thank you for providing an opportunity for feedback.	General	Comment noted
When are we getting a Trader Joe's?	Retail mix	Comment not addressed – beyond scope of project
So Far Great Job!	General	Comment noted
My family moved to Renton in the turn of the last century and remain residents in or near the city. I would like to see the downtown core and residential areas return to the vibrant neighborhoods and shopping district along 3rd that I remember while growing up here. There is so much potential to revitalize the area!	Vibrant areas	Comment addressed (goal 1, 2, and 4)
Downtown parking, east of Williams, seems to be an item worth pursuing	Parking	Comment noted
The outreach effort seems to be working to get involvement. The main issues are well-identified: access being the key for businesses, which will enhance the quality of life for the residents. In a better economy the downtown would be booming and it will but the good planning will make it much nicer.	General	Comment noted
LEAVE THE DOWNTOWN SINGLE FAMILY NEIGHBORHOODS ALONE. JUST AS LONG AS THE HOMES ARE WELL MAINTAINED IT IS PART OF THE CHARM OF DOWNTOWN AND CERTAINLY DOES NOT NEED TO BE REPLACED WITH LARGE HALF EMPTY APARTMENT BUILDING WHICH JUST BECOME A BLIGHTED AREA	Single family homes	Comment addressed (goal 4)
Advertise the public meetings better - not just in the Renton reporter and on the web site. Many people don't read the reporter and many people who live in Renton don't even get it. The web site is a nightmare to navigate.	General	Comment noted
We really like the idea of changing Wells and Williams avenues (N.) to two-way; and north 3rd and 4th, as well, when possible.	One-ways	Comment addressed (goal 6.5)
Any thoughts given to low income? Many of the baby boomers will still be alive in 20 years.	Low income	Change to goal 4.8 recommended

I think the new KCLS library should be in the event center. I'd also like to see the city recruit an art college, and maybe have it operate in the old city hall. I also like the idea of allowing a restaurant to lease the library over the river.	Library, old City Hall	Comment noted and reflected in goal 3
Some parts of North Renton could be re-developed to eliminate crime and sub-standard housing.	North Renton	Comment noted
Thank you for sharing with us! Keep up the good work!	General	Comment noted
Please include the idea of running the streetcar all the way through downtown, South Renton across Grady way to the Triton Towers and then back to the landing. Only to downtown and it will fall short of serving the entire area.	Trolley	Revision to goal 6.2 recommended to address
It would be nice to see some feasibility studies, research groups, ask for small committees in the neighborhood to sit in on ideas. Come out to our neighborhoods and walk around. Talk with people on the door step. A survey is nice but I fear you are going to fall short in hearing people's concerns and desires. The few community open houses you have had do not go far enough in finding out what the community wants. This time let's put plans into action. Another city revitalization plan was done 8 or so years ago and right now there is skepticism that this time will be different.	General	Comment noted
Please include greater plant variety into the Burnett linear park than just the few trees that are there now. There are sections of grass there that never get used and could be converted over.	Burnett Park	Comment noted
There are big advantages to having dense concentration of creative minds in the same place, You have the opportunity to develop the new century city and provide housing and entertainment to the next generation of workers.	General	Comment noted
Thank you for having forward looking visions/plans as this is what has hindered the city from expanding in the last economic growth time.	General	Comment noted
I think it's great. I really think that making Park Avenue more of a mix-used street would be great because it provides the illusion that Lake Washington and downtown are one.	Park Ave	Comment addressed (goal 6.1, 6.2, 6.3)
Keep up the good work and thanks for listening to us!	General	Comment noted
I really appreciate the work that went into this and wish more of the public had participated in the open houses. There are many great ideas here; I hope Council and the Mayor will ask the public to commit to them.	General	Comment noted
The Plan should be focused on growing revenue for the city, providing an environment that attracts businesses, provides excellence in community safety (Fire, Police), and recreational opportunities for its citizens.	General	Comment addressed (goal 2, 4, 5, 7, and 8)

Add bike routes to Google maps thru downtown.	Maps	Comment not addressed – beyond scope of project
Are you seriously thinking about wasting a bunch of money on a trolley? Put the energy into connecting the Cedar River trail and Coulon Beach Park and the problem will be solved. Renton does not need the equivalent of the South Lake Union Trolley.	Trolley	Comment noted
Great work on this survey tool. Perhaps the IDT could be involved in the communications and outreach, reviewing the survey results and talking about timing for next steps and the implementation phase soon?	General	Comment noted
Pay attention to the other areas, too	General	Comment noted
I think some of the best work that has been done in terms of revitalizing Renton is done by whomever does the event planning--Renton River Days, Summer Movies, et cetera. Those kinds of events, done right, and held in a city center that isn't littered with shuttered shops and antique stores is what makes the city come alive. I love the city of Renton. I want to see it continue to remake itself so that it truly is reflective of 21st century thinking instead of appearing to be stuck in the 1950s in so many ways.	General	Comment noted
I wish more people had participated in the workshops--they were fascinating!	General	Comment noted

Comments received at public meeting or by email

Comment	Topic of Comment	Response
Public comment is good	Public input	Comment noted
It is important to preserve retail businesses	Retail mix	Comment addressed (goal 2.2) and in revised goal 2.8
Park Avenue should extend all the way to Lake Washington, this goal should be elevated	Park Ave	Comment addressed (goal 6.3)
Public transit should serve the PACCAR site	Public transit	Comment partially addressed (goal 5)
There should be more emphasis on the South Renton commercial area	South Renton	Comment noted
Public safety should have more emphasis	Public safety	Comment addressed (goal 1.7 and 1.5)
Expanding rail is important	Rail	Comment is addressed (goal 7.3, 5.8, 5.4)
Street trees are very important, need to plant them and stop cutting them down	Street trees	Comment partially addressed (goal 4.4) - beyond scope of plan
Pea-patches in South Renton are very important	Pea-patches	Comment addressed (goal 4.5)
What can we do in the landscaped median area?	Landscaped median	Comment noted
Being a pedestrian is difficult; sidewalks are not consistently in place and sometimes are in disrepair. Please improve pedestrian safety and experience	Pedestrians	Comment partially addressed (goal 4.6) - recommended for revision
The City has made promises before, why should we trust you this time	Trust	Comment noted
Not sure about changing one ways to two ways in residential areas, seems like one ways help reduce traffic and crime	One-way streets	Comment addressed (goal 6.5)
It is very difficult to direct people how to get into the City Center by car, it is confusing and frustrating	Connectivity	Comment addressed (goal 5 and 6)
We want more green	Environment	Comment addressed (goal 4.4, 4.5, and partially addressed in goal 4.6) - revision recommended to 4.6
Bicycle connections and safety are very important. We want to use our car less, but sometimes it is difficult to navigate and feel safe	Bicycles	Comment addressed (goal 5.8, 6.9, 6.11, 6.12 and goal 7)
The one way streets are terrible, they are confusing and very frustrating	One-way streets	Comment addressed (goal 6.5)
Getting from South Renton to the Landing and other areas north is very challenging due to road configuration	Connectivity	Comment addressed (goal 5 and 6)

The Cedar River trail is wonderful, but with bicyclists going fast and not following the dismount sign it is unsafe	Trails/Safety	Comment partially addressed, beyond scope of plan
We want to raise a family here; schools are going to be important for us to stay. An elementary school in the City Center will be important for this.	Schools	Comment addressed (goal 4.8)
A safe route for bicyclists between Colon Park and downtown is very important	Bicycles	Comment addressed (goal 7)
A bicycle route from Lk. Washington Blvd. and the interurban trail in Tukwila would be extremely helpful	Bicycles	Comment addressed (goal 7)
Traffic around Coulon Park on busy days is difficult for residents of the area		Comment addressed (goal 5.6)
Park Ave should extend all the way to Lk. Washington, this is important	Park Ave	Comment addressed (goal 6.3)
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We do not support a trolley, we don't understand the intent	Trolley	Comment noted
Good job on this City Center plan, it is exciting. Thank you.	General	Comment noted
The area is already walkable, you just have to get out and walk	Pedestrians	Comment noted
A shuttle running from Renton Tech to Coulon and the Landing would be really helpful. Parking at Coulon is difficult at busy times. I would go more if it were easier.	Public Transit	Comment noted

Comments received at public meeting or by email

Comment	Topic of Comment	Response
Public comment is good	Public input	Comment noted
It is important to preserve retail businesses	Retail mix	Comment addressed (goal 2.2) and in revised goal 2.8
Park Avenue should extend all the way to Lake Washington, this goal should be elevated	Park Ave	Comment addressed (goal 6.3)
Public transit should serve the Pacaar site	Public transit	Comment partially addressed (goal 5)
There should be more emphasis on the South Renton commercial area	South Renton	Comment partially addressed changes recommended (goal 2.8, & 6.2)
Public safety should have more emphasis	Public safety	Comment addressed (goal 1.7 and 1.5)
Expanding rail is important	Rail	Comment is addressed (goal 7.3, 5.8, 5.4)
Street trees are very important, need to plant them and stop cutting them down	Street trees	Comment partially addressed (goal 4.4) - beyond scope of plan
Pea-patches in South Renton are very important	Pea-patches	Comment addressed (goal 4.5)
Being a pedestrian is difficult; sidewalks are not consistently in place and sometimes are in disrepair. Please improve pedestrian safety and experience	Pedestrians	Comment partially addressed (goal 4.6) - recommended for revision
Not sure about changing one ways to two ways in residential areas, seems like one ways help reduce traffic and crime	One-way streets	Comment addressed (goal 6.5)
It is very difficult to direct people how to get into the City Center by car, it is confusing and frustrating	Connectivity	Comment addressed (goal 5 and 6)
We want more green	Environment	Comment addressed (goal 4.4, 4.5, and partially addressed in goal 4.6) - revision recommended to 4.6
Bicycle connections and safety are very important. We want to use our car less, but sometimes it is difficult to navigate and feel safe	Bicycles	Comment addressed (goal 5.8, 6.9, 6.11, 6.12 and goal 7)
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A safe route for bicyclists between Colton Park and downtown is very important	Bicycles	Comment addressed (goal 7)
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